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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: NOTIFICATION OF SANCTIONS

AGAINST ROSOBORONEXPORT

REF: A. STATE 110756 • STATE 108136

Classified By: Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Alice G. Wells. Reasons 1.4 (b), (d), and (h).

- 11. (S) In the absence of MFA North America Director Igor Neverov, we conveyed ref A demarche to MFA North America Deputy Director Oleg Burmistrov on October 17. Burmistrov offered little substantive comment, except to acknowledge our previous demarches on the issue stretching back to November 12006. He stated that the latest sanctions on RosOboronExport came as no surprise. In response to his question whether the new sanctions were a "rollover" of the previous ones set to expire in December, we underscored that the new sanctions were triggered by subsequent Russian transfers to Iran.
- 12. (S) Burmistrov added that the MFA had disseminated the information in ref B and conveyed the USG's concerns regarding possible S-300 sales to Iran through the appropriate channels. He said that a coordinated interagency response was not yet available, adding that "certain agencies" do not respond to MFA tasking.

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